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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany

TOPIC Volkspolizei School in Gloewen

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DATE OF CONTENT 23 to 25 August 1950

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REMARKS

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1. The VP artillery school in Gloewen (H 53/Y 98) numbered 1,347 police, including the training cadre. [REDACTED] the stocks of ration supplies were checked by the Ministry of Commerce and Supply between 23 and 25 August 1950. \*
2. The school commandant who was recently assigned to the command could not be identified. \*\* He had been a general of the International Brigade in Spain. Other officers of the school included Kommandeur (equivalent to the rank of lieutenant colonel), Laarisch (fnu), chief of the administrative and supply section, a former paymaster official with the Transportation Section of the German Army High Command; Kommandeur Pietzoch (fnu), director of training, a former first lieutenant of artillery; and Kommandeur Lesch or Letzsch (fnu), an officer of the training section.
3. For training the school had four model 16 light field howitzers, four model 18 heavy field howitzers, three Soviet 85-mm AT guns, three Soviet 122-mm field howitzers, three Soviet 152-mm gun howitzers, and two Soviet infantry guns with barrels about 320 cm long. The Soviet guns had arrived by freight train from the direction of Berlin in mid-June 1950. \*\*
4. The training program included close-combat training, practice with model 44 assault rifles and artillery drill. The aim of the artillery drill was to have the model 18 heavy field howitzer ready for action within seven minutes and the Soviet guns within 40 seconds. The last course ended on 29 August 1950. Two thirds of the graduates, about 600 police, were transferred to the artillery school in Wuenstorf. The remaining 300 police went to Waren (H 54/U 35), while the training personnel stayed at the school. \*\*\*
5. Soviet-made trucks [REDACTED] belonged to the school. 25X1

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- \* [REDACTED] Comment. The VP artillery school in Gloewen was periodically confirmed [REDACTED] prior to late June 1950. [REDACTED] 25X1
- \*\* [REDACTED] Comments: Inspekteur Georg Thiele is carried as Commandant of the Gloewen school.

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\*\* Comment. Soviet 85-mm AT guns, the latest model of the Soviet Army, and 152-mm gun howitzers were not previously observed with VP units. Should they be confirmed as VP weapons, it would mean that the Volkspolizei is receiving equipment superior to that of the North Korean Army, to which these models were apparently not issued.

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\*\*\* Comment. Reports on VP units in Wuensdorf and Waren have not been received. If the present information is correct the VP personnel may have been sent to VP Bereitschaften being activated upon the completion of the courses at VP schools in September 1950 or may have participated in Soviet field exercises, possibly with the 9th Gds Tank Div in Waren and the 19th Gds Mecz Div in Wuensdorf.

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